

Frequently Asked Questions – Let’s Talk Video Series

Potential Housing Opportunities for Trafficking Victims

Video website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/faith_based/letstalk

Video short URL: <http://go.usa.gov/xDqcP>

The HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships presented “Potential Housing Opportunities for Trafficking Victims” as part of their Let’s Talk Video Series. HUD’s office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) was the first office featured. This document provides greater detail on some of the topics covered during the video.

1. What are the SNAPS Policy Priorities mentioned in the video?

The SNAPS Policy Priorities are:

1. Strategic Resource Allocation
2. Ending Chronic Homelessness
3. Ending Family Homelessness
4. Ending Youth Homelessness
5. Ending Veteran Homelessness
6. Using a Housing First Approach

The policies mentioned in the video were from SNAPS’ FY 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which focused on the Administration goals articulated in [*Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*](#), the goals of Opening Doors are consistent with the Department’s homeless goals as stated in HUD’s Strategic Plan.

To view the policy priorities, outlined and explained further in the current CoC NOFA, please reference: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

2. The video mentioned a variety of interventions available to address homelessness. What are they?

The SNAPS CoC program focuses on the following housing models or interventions:

- Rapid re-housing
- Permanent supportive housing
- Using a Housing First Approach
 - Removing barriers to entry
 - Centralized or coordinated assessment system
 - Client-centered service delivery
 - Prioritizing households most in need
- Transitional housing (for certain populations such as housing for underage homeless youth, safety for persons fleeing domestic violence or trafficking, and assistance with recovery from addiction)

Rapid-re housing is an intervention, informed by a Housing First approach that is a critical part of a community’s effective homeless crisis response system. Rapid re-housing rapidly

connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. More information on rapid re-housing can be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Rapid-Re-Housing-Brief.pdf>.

Permanent supportive housing is permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently. The HUD Exchange has information about what is critical in [implementing a housing first permanent supportive housing model](#) and research from the [National Center on Family Homelessness](#) on Family Characteristics, Program Models, and Outcomes on family permanent supportive housing.

Housing first is an approach to homeless assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participating requirements of preconditions such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold. The CoC NOFA contains specific steps to support a community-wide housing first approach. The HUD Exchange also has a presentation posted that outlines three different housing first models. https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HousingFirst_Presentation.pdf

Transitional housing is housing where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months.

The Urban Institute documented the characteristics of transitional housing programs for homeless families in five cities and their surrounding counties. Their report is located here: <http://www.urban.org/research/publication/characteristics-transitional-housing-homeless-families>

3. Where do victims of human trafficking fit into HUD’s homeless definition?

Persons must meet HUD’s definition of homeless in order to be able to apply for programs funded by either Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) or CoC. Persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking (labor and sex) may qualify as homeless under paragraph 4 of the “homeless” definition at 24 CFR 578.3, and therefore may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply. HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be “other dangerous or life threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member” under paragraph 4 of the definition of “homeless” at 24 CFR 578.3. Where an individual or family is fleeing, or is attempting to flee human trafficking, that has either taken place within the individual’s or family’s primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and the individual or family has no other residence; and the individual or family lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing; HUD would consider that individual or family to qualify as “homeless” under paragraph 4 of the definition.

4. How can I apply for ESG or CoC funding?

ESG is a formula program awarded to metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories and states. If you are interested in finding out who the ESG formula grantees are in your community, visit the HUD exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/> Select your

location and ESG as the program and it will give you a list of the ESG grant recipients. From there you will need to follow up with that entity to find out how to apply for funding as a sub-recipient or to find out who their funded sub-recipients are so you can make application to their programs.

CoC is a competitive program. For more information about the CoC Program Competition and to view the current CoC Program NOFA visit the HUD exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

As with ESG, if you are interested in finding out who the CoC grantees are in your community, visit the HUD exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/> Select your location and CoC as the program and it will give you a list of the CoC grant recipients.

You will need to follow up with the Collaborative Applicant for your CoC to learn about their application process for funding or to find a funded agency to apply for assistance.

5. HUD Multifamily Contacts

To locate your local Multifamily HUB office please click the following web link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/mfh/hsgmfbus/abouthubspcs

6. Resources discussed in the video

HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

www.hud.gov/offices/fbci

HUD Human Trafficking Fact Sheet

English: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=humantraffickingfactsht.pdf>

Spanish: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=hudhntfkgflyer-span.pdf>

HUD Life Saving Services Letter

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HUD-HHS-DOJ-Letter-Regarding-Immigrant-Access-to-Housing-and-Services.pdf>

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

www.usich.gov

HUD Exchange

www.HUDexchange.info

Search for local grant recipients and/or programs

www.hudexchange.info/grantees

Contact information for your local HUD Field Office

www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/cpd-field-office-directory

Latest info on McKinney-Vento Act programs, HEARTH Act, Rules, and Technical Assistance materials can be found at www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance

Get future funding opportunities and latest announcements by subscribing to a HUD program mailing list, go to

www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist

Submit Questions to the HUD Exchange Ask-A-Question at:

www.hudexchange.info/get-assistance/my-question

U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Blue Campaign

www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign

National Human Trafficking Resource Center

www.traffickingresourcecenter.org

GET HELP. Report a tip. Request services. 1-888-373-7888



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